



MAHONING COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

HOMESTEAD SEWER FIXED RATE REDUCTION APPLICATION (AGE 65 OR OVER) **DISABILITY SEWER FIXED RATE REDUCTION APPLICATION (UNDER AGE 65)**

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TO:

Mahoning County Sanitary Department Attn: Homestead Department 761 Industrial Road Youngstown, Ohio 44509

For additional information: Phone: (330) 793-5514

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF TOTAL DISABILITY IF UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE

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Homestead/Disability Fixed Sewer Rate Reduction

Freq uently Asked Questions

What is the Homestead/Disability Fixed Sewer Rate Reduction?

A program offering a reduction to the fixed monthly rate of the sewer bill to qualifying customers who own their own home AND are sewer customers of the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department.

Who is eligible?

There are three requirements for eligibility:

- The applicant must be at least 65 years of age **or** totally and permanently disabled.
- The applicant must own and occupy their home (having their name on the deed or a life estate).
- The applicant must be a customer of the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineers.
- When can I apply?

Applications for the Fixed Sewer Rate Reduction are available year round by calling the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineers office M-F 8:00 AM – 3:00PM

How do I show proof of age?

The application form requires individuals to report their age and date of birth, and is signed under penalty of perjury. You must submit a photocopy of picture ID for proof of age such as: driver's license, State of Ohio ID card or a current or expired passport. (If you submit a copy of your driver's license and your social security number is visible, please remove it).

How do you define disability?

Disability means totally and permanently disabled. We require a doctor's signature OR your award letter from Social Security disability as proof of disability, whether it is mental or physical. You may also submit a certificate from any state or federal agency that classifies you as permanently and totally disabled.

What about a surviving spouse?

A surviving spouse age 59-64 of a previous Homestead Fixed Sewer Rate Reduction recipient may retain Homestead benefits.

- How much of a reduction will I get?
 - The amount of reduction that you will receive is one half the current Fixed monthly rate. For 2009 the savings is \$2.88 per month.
- Is the Homestead/Disability Fixed Sewer Rate Reduction retroactive?

No, the discount starts the following month after the application is received and approved.

Do I have to apply every year?

The Mahoning County Sanitary Engineers office will review recipient files each year. If deemed necessary, a renewal form will be mailed in order to update the records.

- If I live in an apartment (or condominium) can I get a reduction?
 - Renters are not eligible. However, if you own a condominium and meet all eligibility requirements, you may apply for the Homestead/Disability Sewer Fixed Rate reduction.
- If I live in a manufactured home (trailer) what can I do?

If you meet the other requirements and own the Manufactured home (trailer) you are also eligible.

- If I move does the Homestead sewer reduction apply to my new home?
 No. The Homestead/Disability Fixed Rate Sewer Reduction is not transferable. You must reapply.
- For estate planning purposes, I placed the title to my property in a trust. Can I still receive the Homestead Fixed Sewer reduction?

You are eligible for the Homestead exemption if all of the following are true:

- You created the trust to be effective during your lifetime (an inter vivos trust).
- You provided the assets for the trust (you are the settler).
- You can terminate the trust at any time (it is a revocable trust).
- The trust agreement contains a provision that says you have complete possession of the property.

Most other common forms of property ownership (such as survivorship deeds) also qualify for the exemption. If you have questions about what constitutes home ownership for the Homestead Sewer reduction, please contact this office at 330-793-5514.

For more information call Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering 330-793-5514.